

St. James United Methodist Church  
Mid Week News  
August 8, 2018

**Connecting Points**

What an amazing day we had together at St. James Sunday. I've heard a lot of celebration about our worship experience and how blessed everyone felt to be a part of it. It was obvious that we not only talked about celebrating, we did it!

I have now been your pastor for a month and there's a lot of excitement in the air about what the future holds for us. We have a sense of expectancy and some momentum to move us forward. I think we believe God is at work (in us and among us) and there's hopefulness about maximizing the spiritual potential of St. James. With you, I am excited to be here and believe the best days of this church are in front of us.

I think we know that we can learn from the past and we can envision the future but we can only live in the present. There have been times when I've missed what God is doing now and the blessings in front of me by dwelling on the past or looking toward the future too much. We can't live in either yesterday or tomorrow. **Our life is right here and right now!** Our next sermon series will invite us to be fully present to what's happening now. This Sunday we will remember to live in the moment so we make the most of our opportunities.

Right Here, Right Now,  
Pastor Dean



**Back to School Kick-Off**  
**Wednesday,**  
**August 15th**  
**5:30pm**  
**UNA Theme**  
**Wear your UNA apparel**  
**& bring Tailgate Food**

Precept Bible Study beginning Wednesday,  
August 22nd  
Wednesday Classes will be @ 6:30pm  
Thursday Class will be @ 9am  
The study will be "Covenant"  
Cost of the book \$26  
Please contact the church office or  
Anna Fields

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Christmas Shoe Boxes for Third World  
Children will be given out Sunday, August  
12th. Instructions for filling the boxes will  
be included with the boxes. Date to return  
is Sunday, August 26th.

**THANK YOU!!!!**

Dear church family  
thank you so much for  
the prayers, cards &  
visits. I love you and  
appreciate your  
kindness.  
Irene Sanders

**Cub Scout Kick-off  
Thursday, August 23rd  
6:30pm—7:30pm  
Family Life Center**

The invitation is open  
for all boys grades 1st  
thru 5th.

If you have questions  
please contact Todd  
Hallmark @ 256-366-  
1290. Cub Scout  
meetings are held on  
Mondays in the Family  
Life Center from  
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Stewardship Report	July 29th	August 5th
Budget	\$9,694.00	\$15,343.00
Missions	\$37.00	\$54.00
Youth	\$13.70	\$15.00
Communion		\$26.00
Building Fund		\$100.00
Impact	\$25.00	
Trustees Parsonage Furni- ture	\$860.00	
Children	\$1,300.00	
Snacks The Gate	\$2.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,931.70</b>	<b>\$15,788.00</b>
Sunday School Attendance	155	178
Sunday Worship	265	295

**Prayer Concerns**

Members:	Non Members	Homebound
David Bratcher	Lois Allen	Bobbie Ashley
Gene Call	Jackie Berrens	Ann Austin
Ned Cox (sur Aug 15th)	Bro. Chuck Canterbury	Allene Belew
Karen Grisham	Jim Fennell	Nora Hart
Laura Hardeman	Nell Hester	Martha James
Johnny McClanahan	Barbara Pace	Jean Meyer
Linda McKinney	Katelin Murphy	Edith Putt
Peggy Mitchell	Camp Sumatanga	Mary Reeves
Edith Putt		Nancy Roberts
Janice Retherford		Irene Sanders
Irene Sanders		Sarah Triplett
Jean Sharp		Vivian Wilson
Bob Simmons		
Sarah Triplett		